

**Subject** Community competency restoration task force

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## Overview

This bill establishes a community competency restoration task force, to evaluate and study community competency restoration programs for individuals in the criminal justice system who have been deemed incompetent to stand trial.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<p><b>Community competency restoration task force.</b></p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Establishment; purpose.</b> Establishes the community competency restoration task force, to evaluate community competency restoration programs and develop recommendations to address the needs of individuals deemed incompetent to stand trial.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Membership.</b> Specifies composition of the task force and member qualifications. Requires members to be appointed by July 15, 2019.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Duties.</b> Specifies duties of the task force, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) identifying current services and resources available for individuals who have been found incompetent to stand trial;</li><li>2) analyzing current trends of county competency referrals and the impact of diversion projects or stepping-up initiatives;</li><li>3) analyzing selected case reviews and other data to identify risk levels, service usage, housing status, and health insurance status prior to being jailed;</li><li>4) researching how other states address this issue; and</li><li>5) developing recommendations to address the growing number of individuals deemed incompetent to stand trial.</li></ol> <p><b>Subd. 4. Officers; meetings.</b> Requires the commissioner of human services to convene the first meeting by August 1, 2019; specifies officer election and meeting procedures.</p>

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	<p><b>Subd. 5. Staff.</b> Requires the commissioner of human services to provide staff assistance; allows the task force to use the Council of State Governments Justice Center.</p> <p><b>Subd. 6. Report required.</b> Requires the task force to submit a report on its progress and findings to the legislature by February 1, 2020; requires the task force to submit a report to the legislature including recommendations to address the growing number of individuals deemed incompetent to stand trial, by February 1, 2021.</p> <p><b>Subd. 7. Expiration.</b> Specifies that the task force expires when the second required report is submitted, or on February 1, 2021, whichever is later.</p> <p>Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.</p>
2	<p><b>Appropriation.</b> Appropriates money to the commissioner of human services to implement the task force.</p>



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